Year	No. of deportation (As on 31st December)
2001	9,071
2002	6,394
2003	20,768

Non-availability of equipments to tackle natural calamities

†1629. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that necessary equipments are not available to face a natural calamity in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The State Government/Union Territory Administrations have been advised to train and equip search and rescue teams for responding to natural calamities, which is being done. The State Governments have been authorized to utilize 10% of the annual allocation of the Calamity Relief Fund for procurement of essential search and rescue equipments including communication equipments.

Visiting abroad without approval of screening committee

1630. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Secretaries to Government of India from scientific departments are eligible to visit abroad based on invitation received in personal capacity of the officer;

(b) if so, the details of such visits during the years 2001-2004;

(c) whether the officers have to take approval of Screening Committee of Secretaries or Prime Minister before accepting invitation and clearance of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act for accepting remuneration/ honorarium;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.